



## Tropi-Dry: Dimensiones Humanas y Biofísicas de los bosques secos



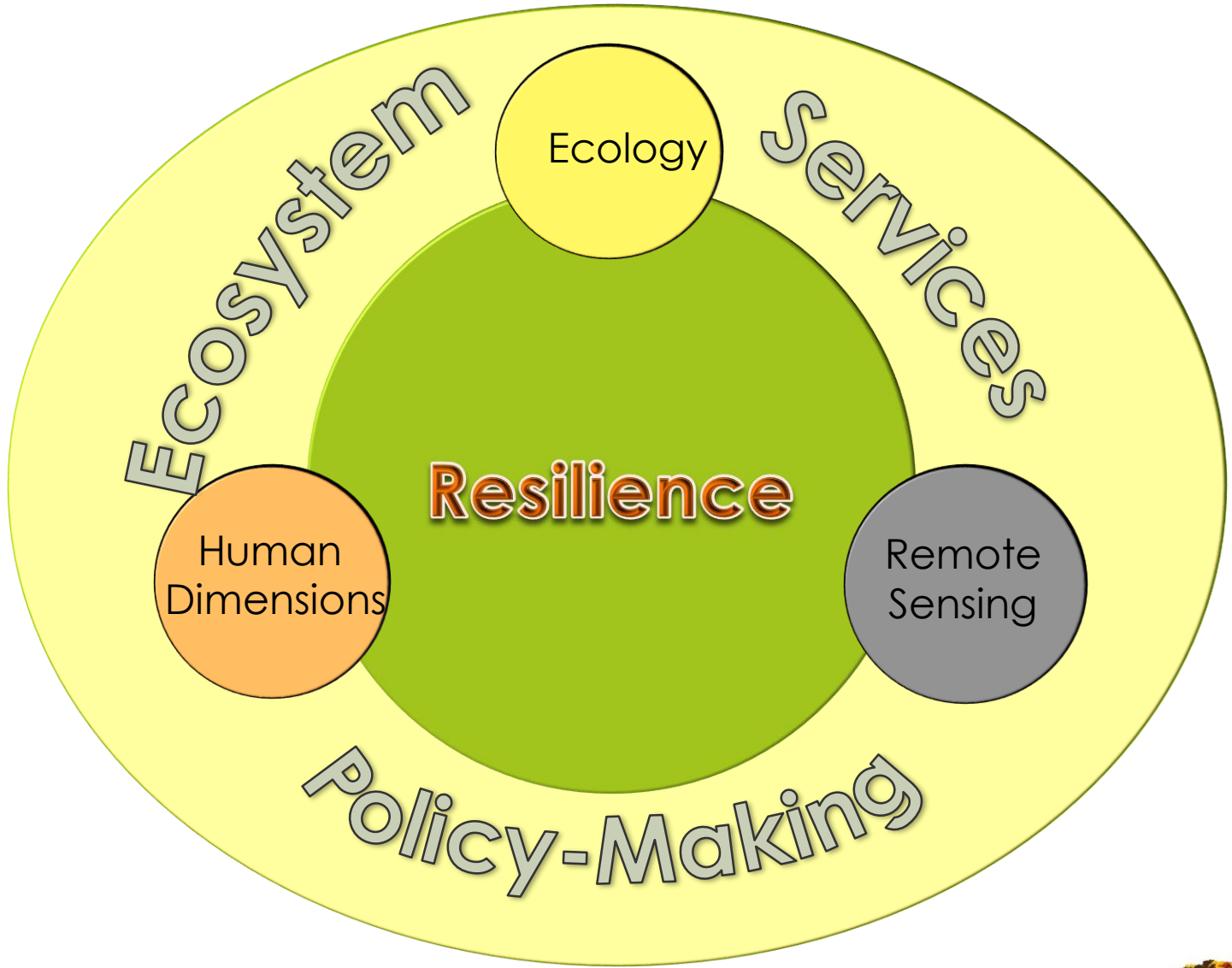


What is tropi-dry?

# What's Tropi-Dry?

- **Tropi-Dry:** A project aimed to understand the human and biophysical dimensions of tropical dry forests in the Americas.
- **Participants:** Canada, USA, Costa Rica, Brazil, Colombia, Germany, England.
- **Capacity Building:** >300 students involved since 2005.
- **Impact on Policy Making:** Direct work with policy makers.





The wealth of a country  
=  
**total capital**



+



+



**Physical**

**Intangible**

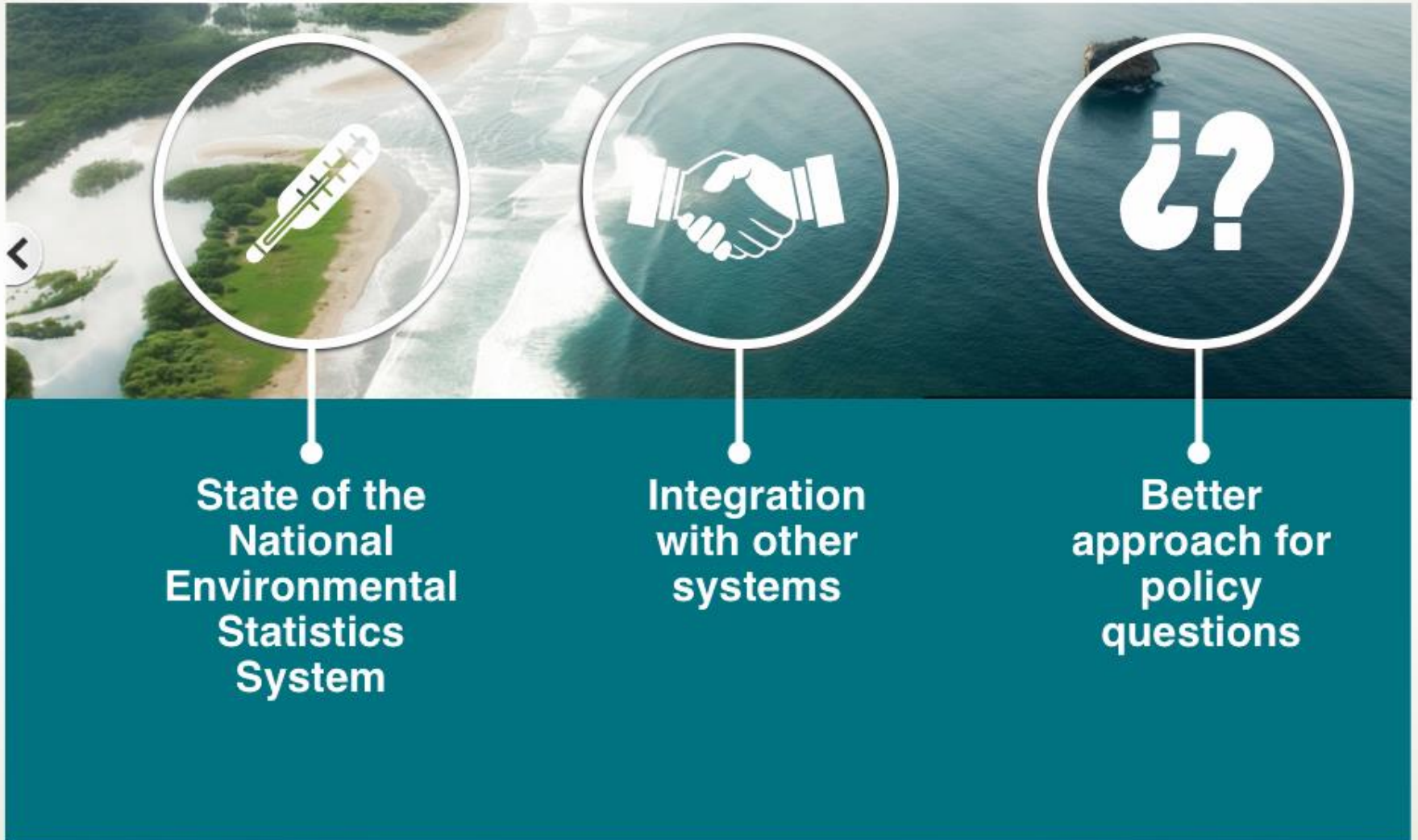
**Natural**

# Development of the environmental accounts



# Co-benefits

from environmental accounting



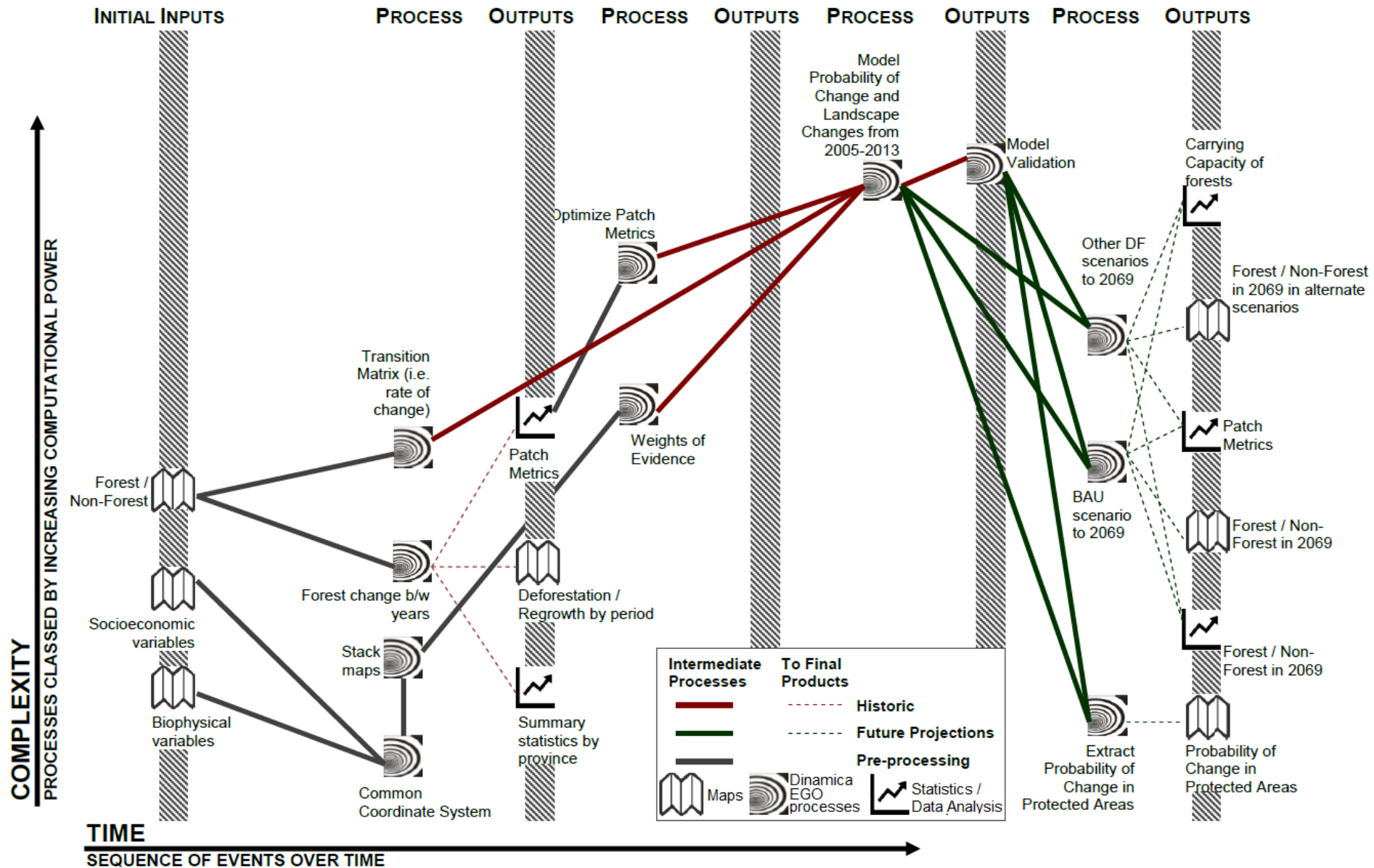
# Ejes de discussion:

- Biodiversidad.
- Cambio Climatico.
- Matrix Energetica.

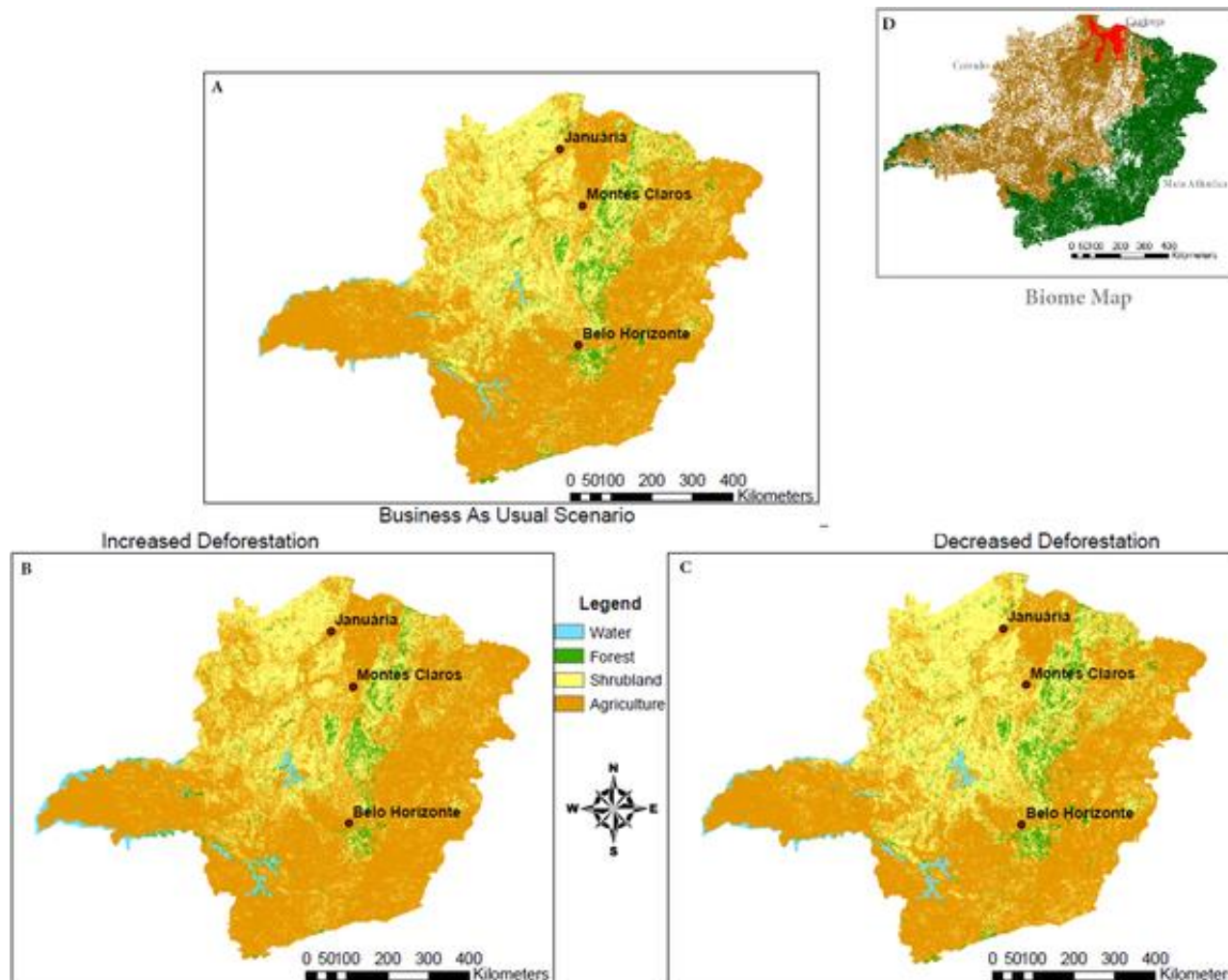


# Eje de discusion No. 1:

Conservacion de la biodiversidad biologica



## Results from Dinamica EGO model simulation showing the landscape composition for the year 2015.



Stan K, Sanchez-Azofeifa A, Espírito-Santo M, Portillo-Quintero C (2015) Simulating Deforestation in Minas Gerais, Brazil, under Changing Government Policies and Socioeconomic Conditions. PLOS ONE 10(9): e0137911.

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# FOREST accounts

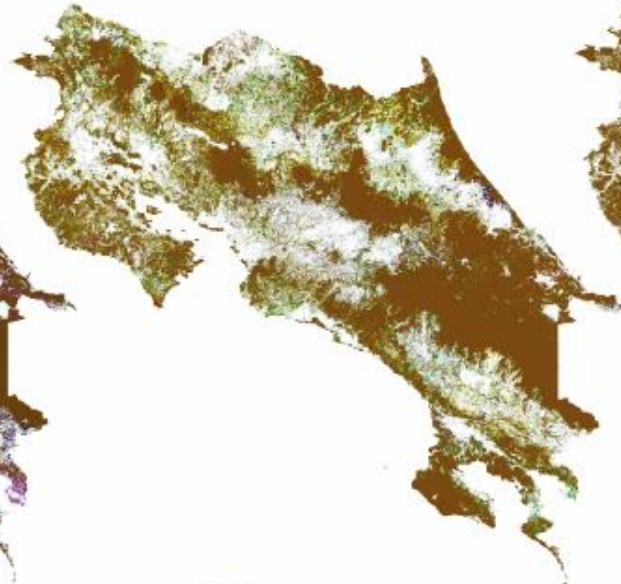
# Forest transition to and/or from other land uses



1992-1997



1997-2008















2008-2013

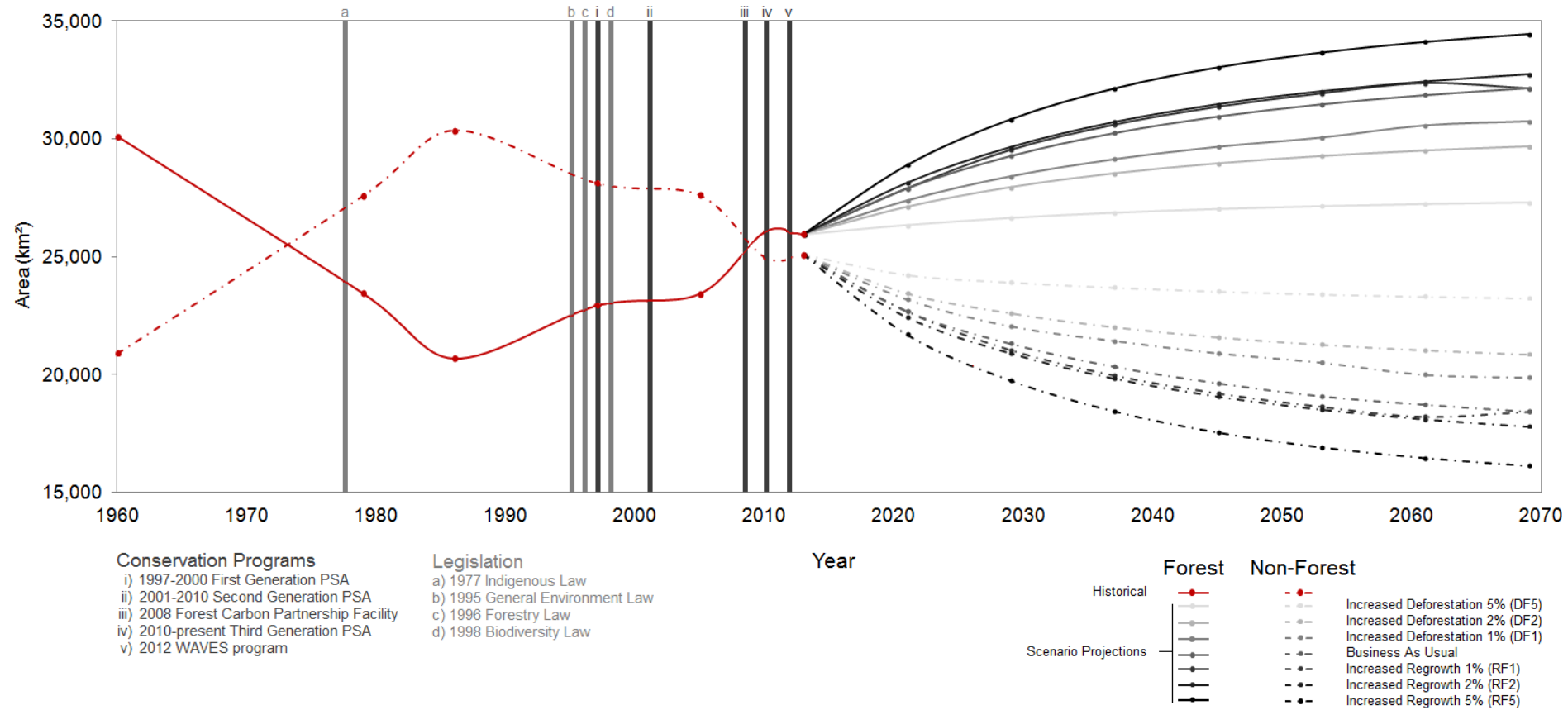


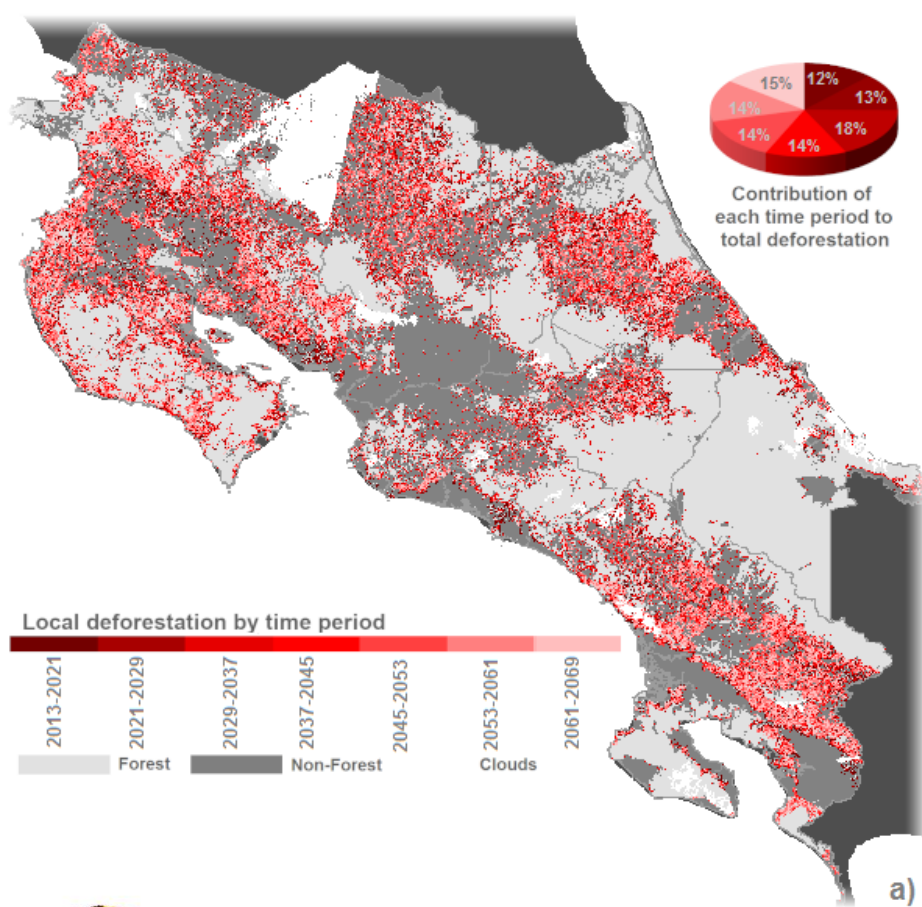
 Forest to urban

 Crops to forest

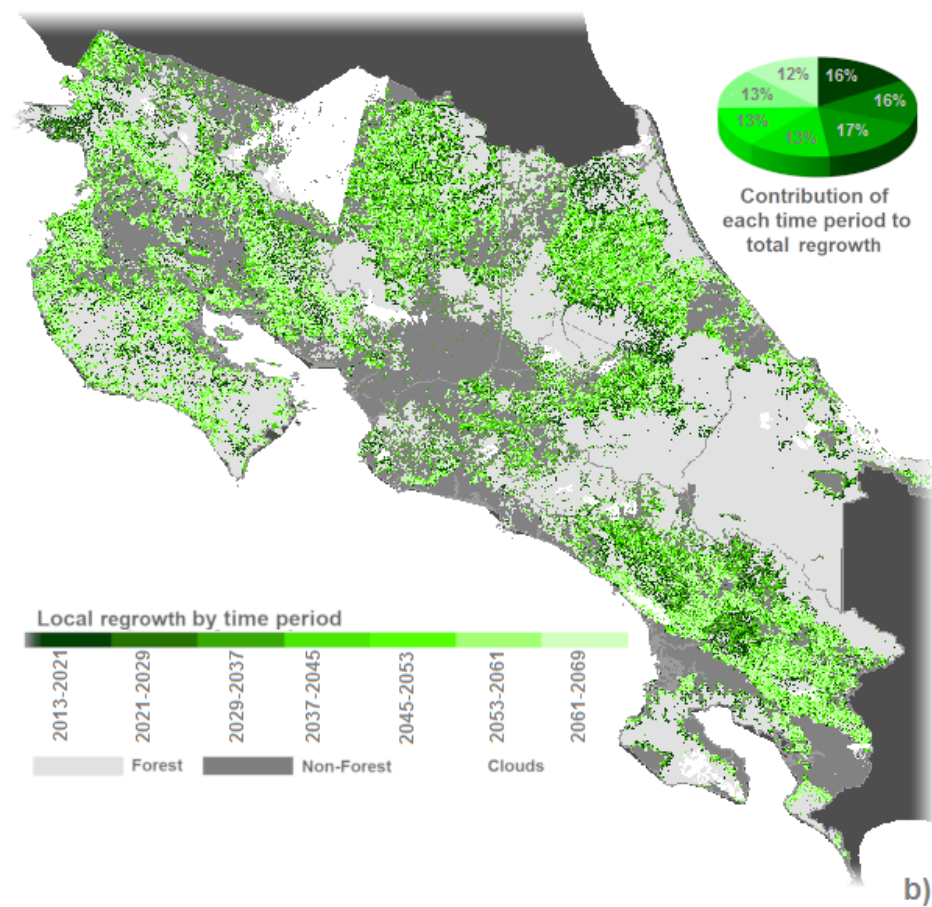
 Grassland to forest

- |  |  |   |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|---|
|  Other changes or no data |  Forest to forest |  Forest plantation to forest |  Urban to forest |  Grassland to forest |
|  Water to forest          |  Crops to forest  |  Forest to forest plantation |  Forest to urban |  Forest to grassland |
|  Forest to water          |  Forest to crops  |   |   |   |



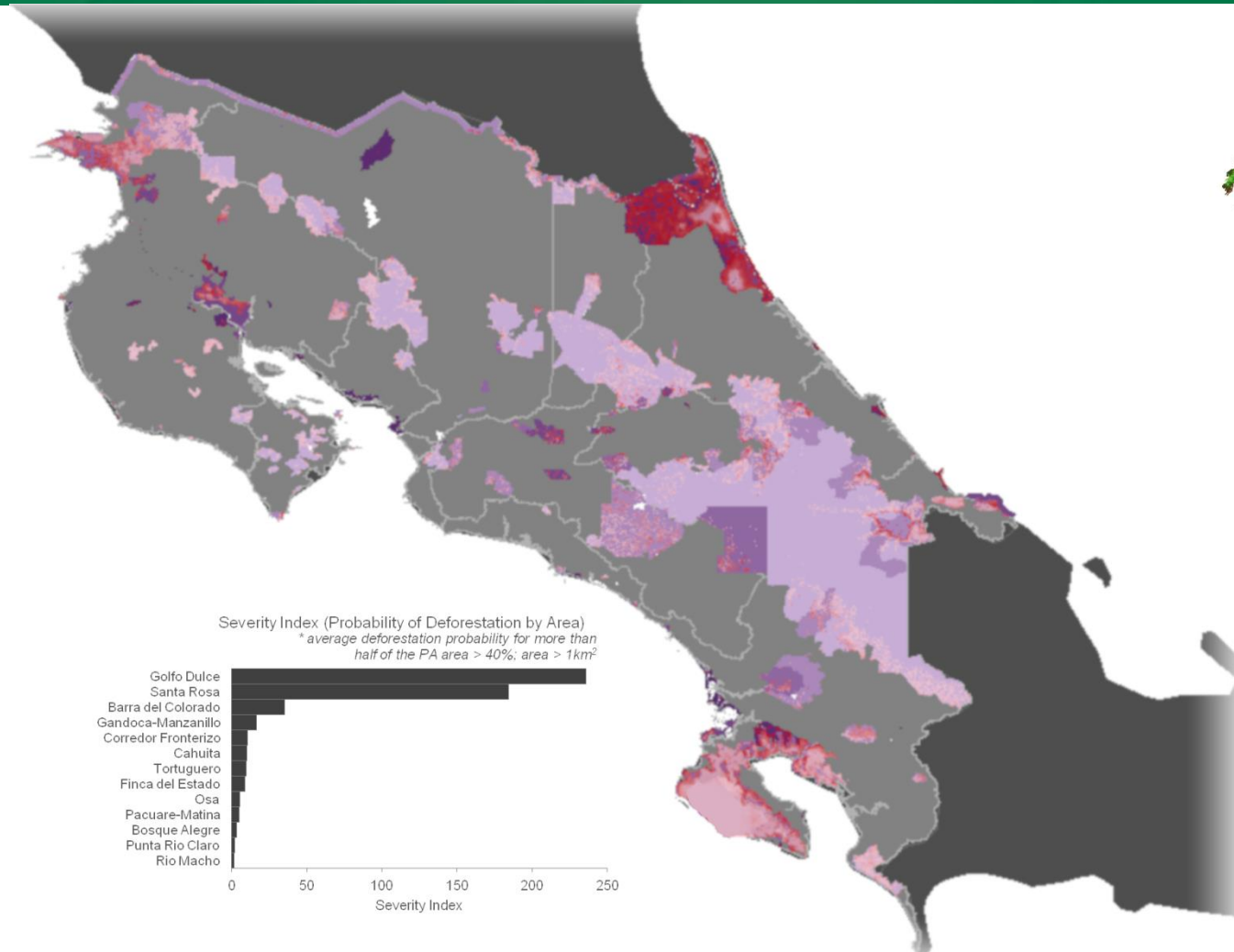


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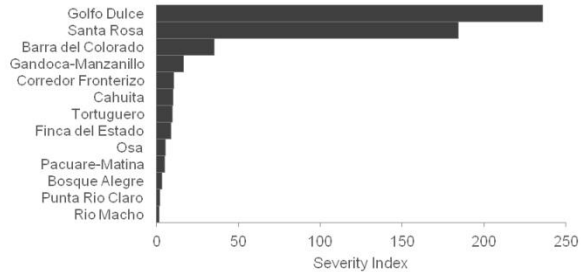


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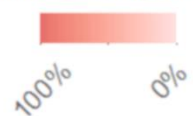




Severity Index (Probability of Deforestation by Area)  
*\* average deforestation probability for more than half of the PA area > 40%; area > 1km<sup>2</sup>*



Local Probability of Change



Costa Rica Provinces



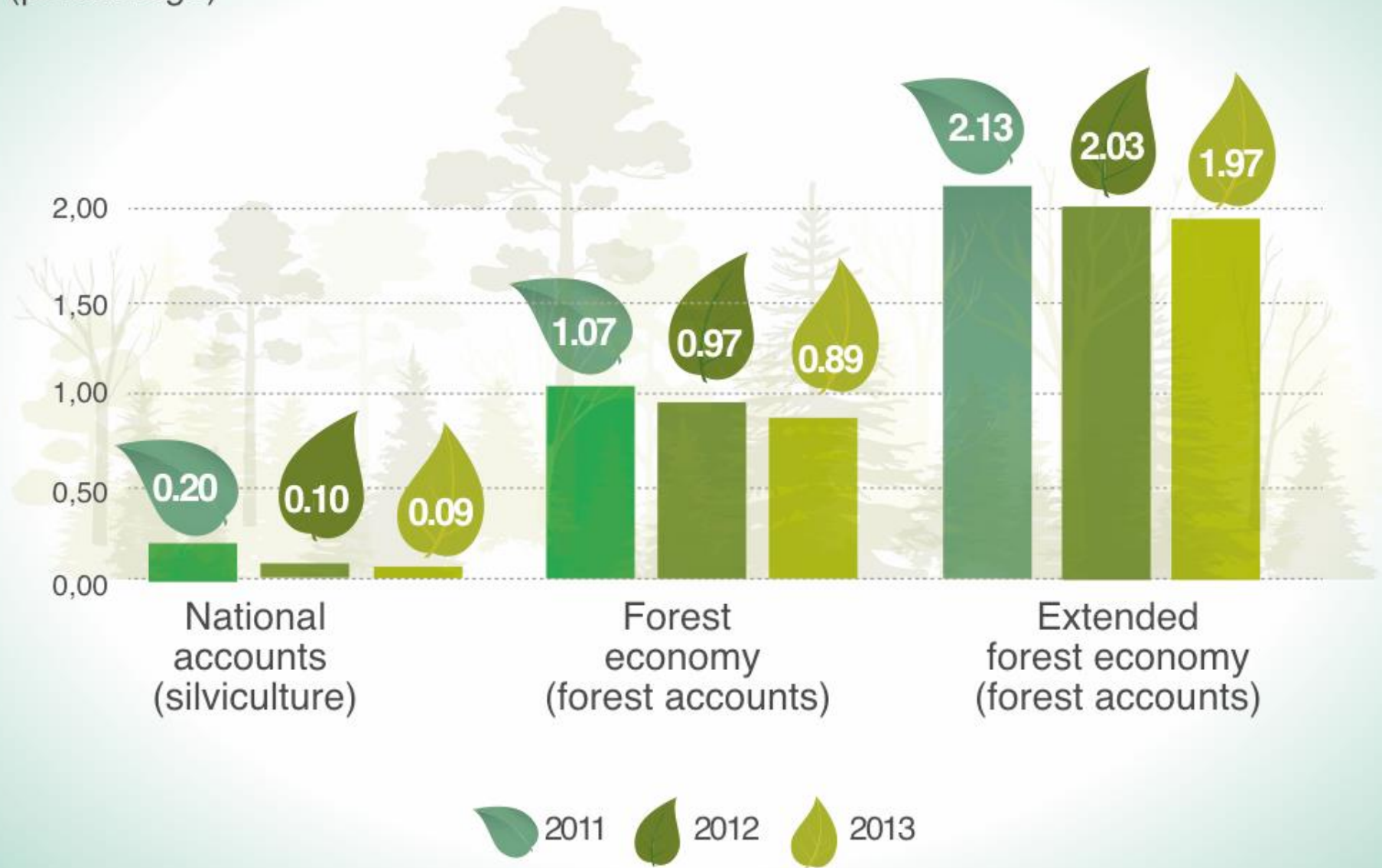
Average Probability of Change within Protected Area





# Forests contribution to GDP

(percentage)



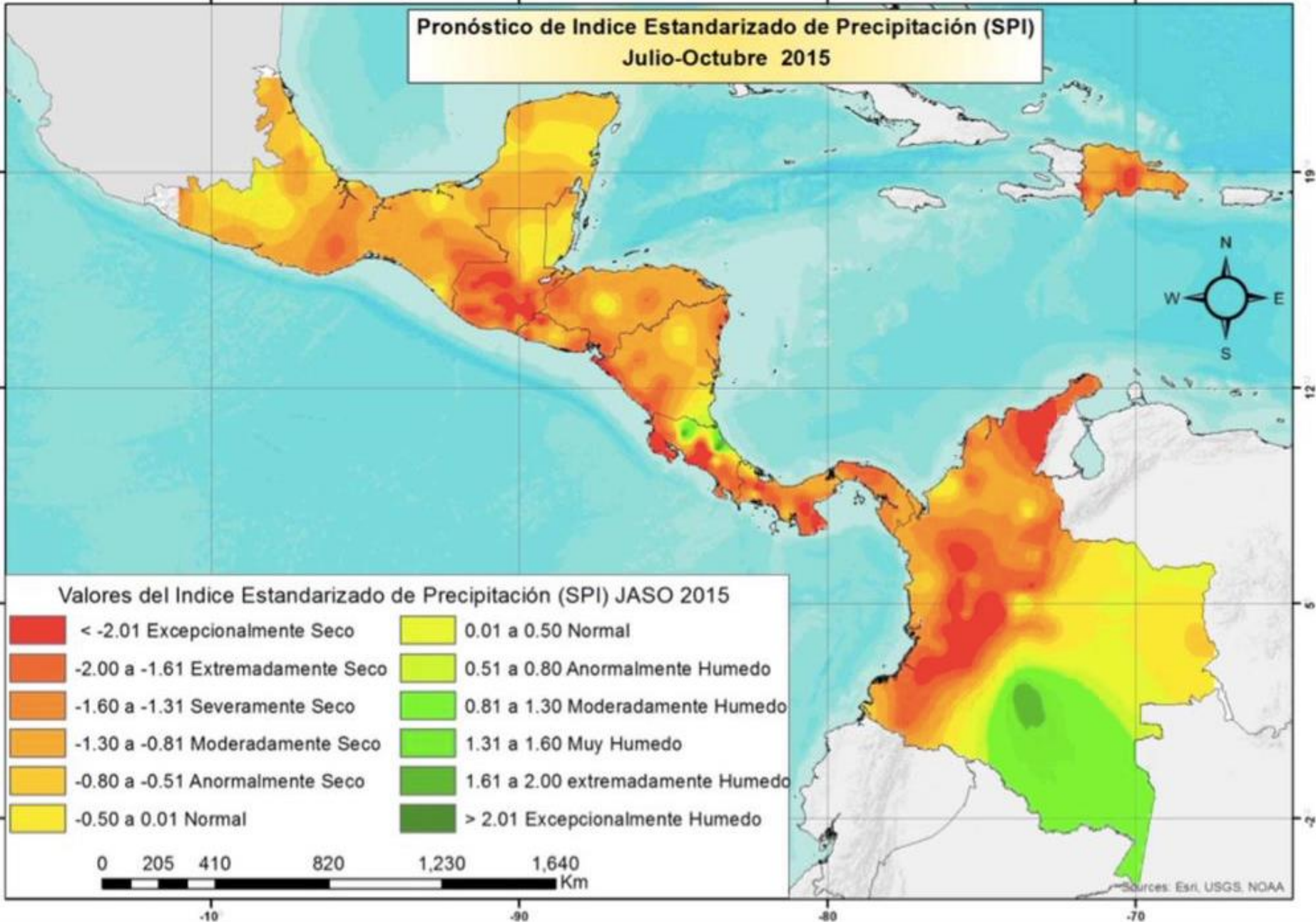
# Eje de discusion No. 2:

Cambio Climatico

A photograph of a sunset or sunrise sky with silhouettes of trees. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and purple. The trees are dark and bare. The word "DROUGHT!" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image. There are light green horizontal bars at the top and bottom of the page.

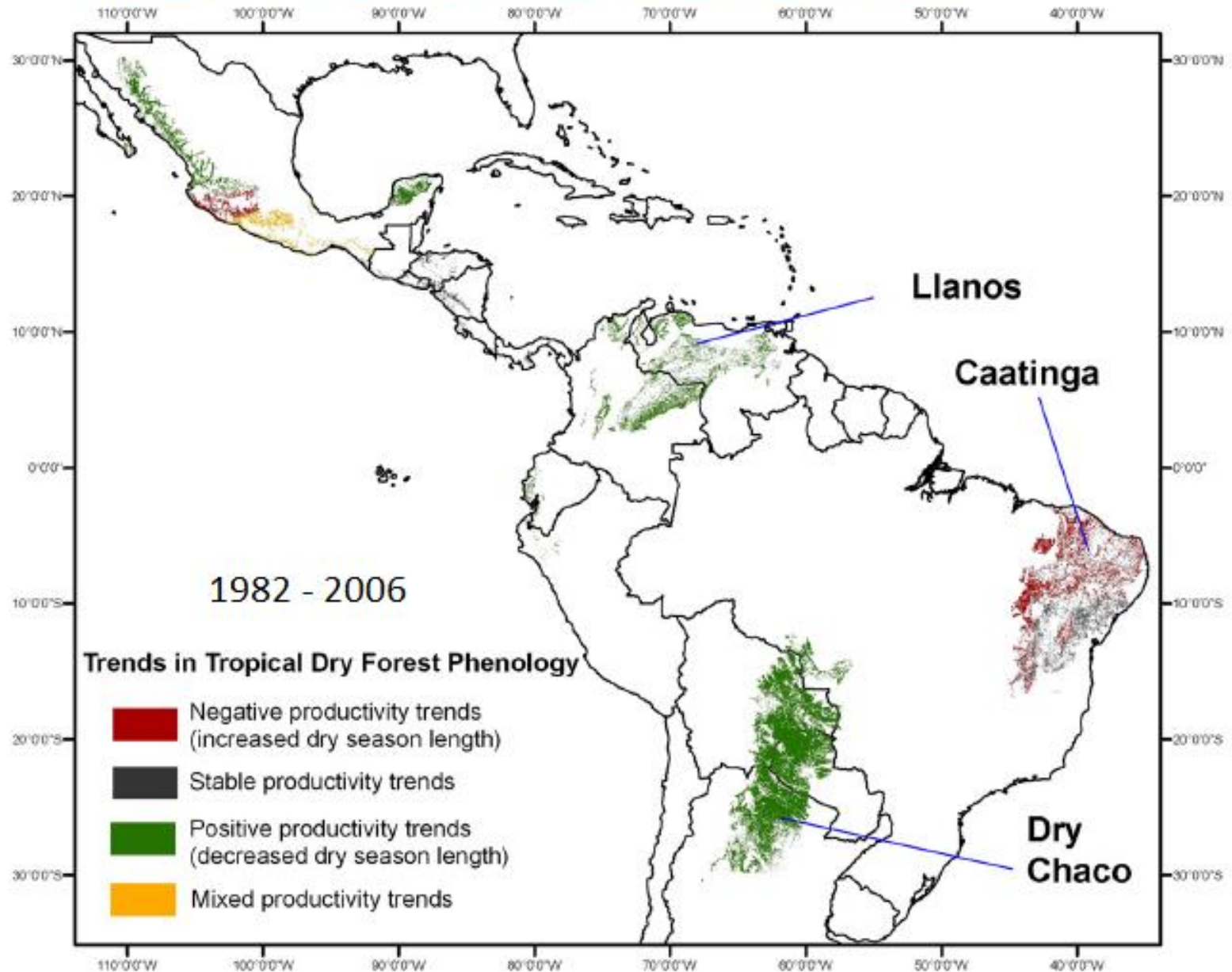
**DROUGHT!**

**Pronóstico de Índice Estandarizado de Precipitación (SPI)  
Julio-Octubre 2015**



# Gains and losses

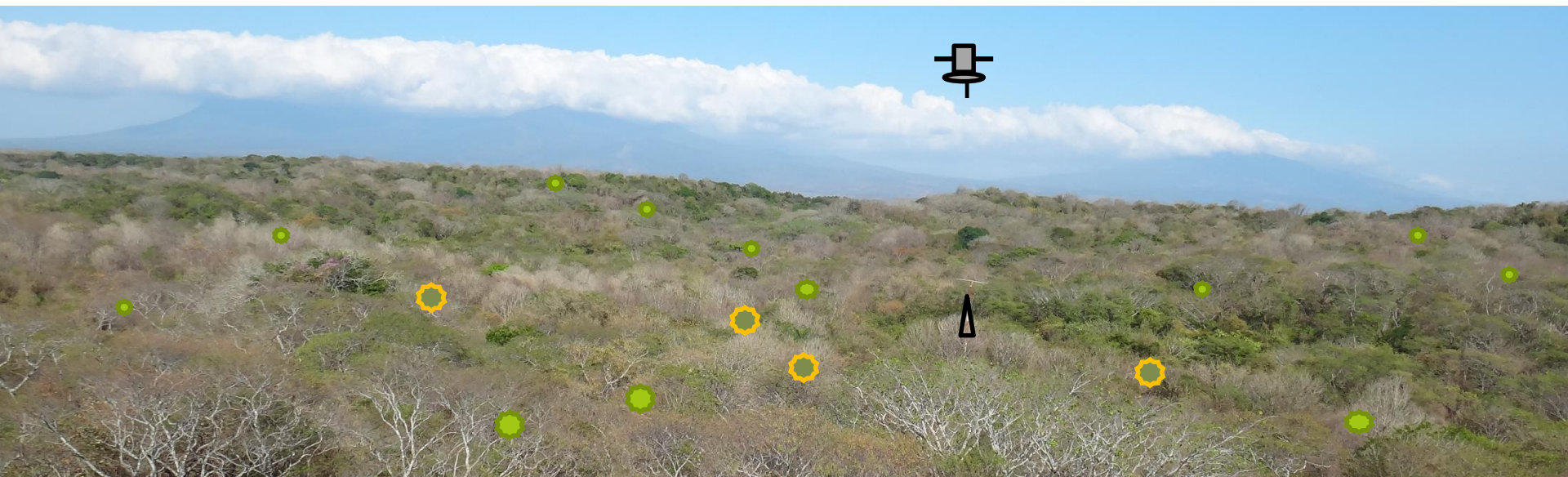
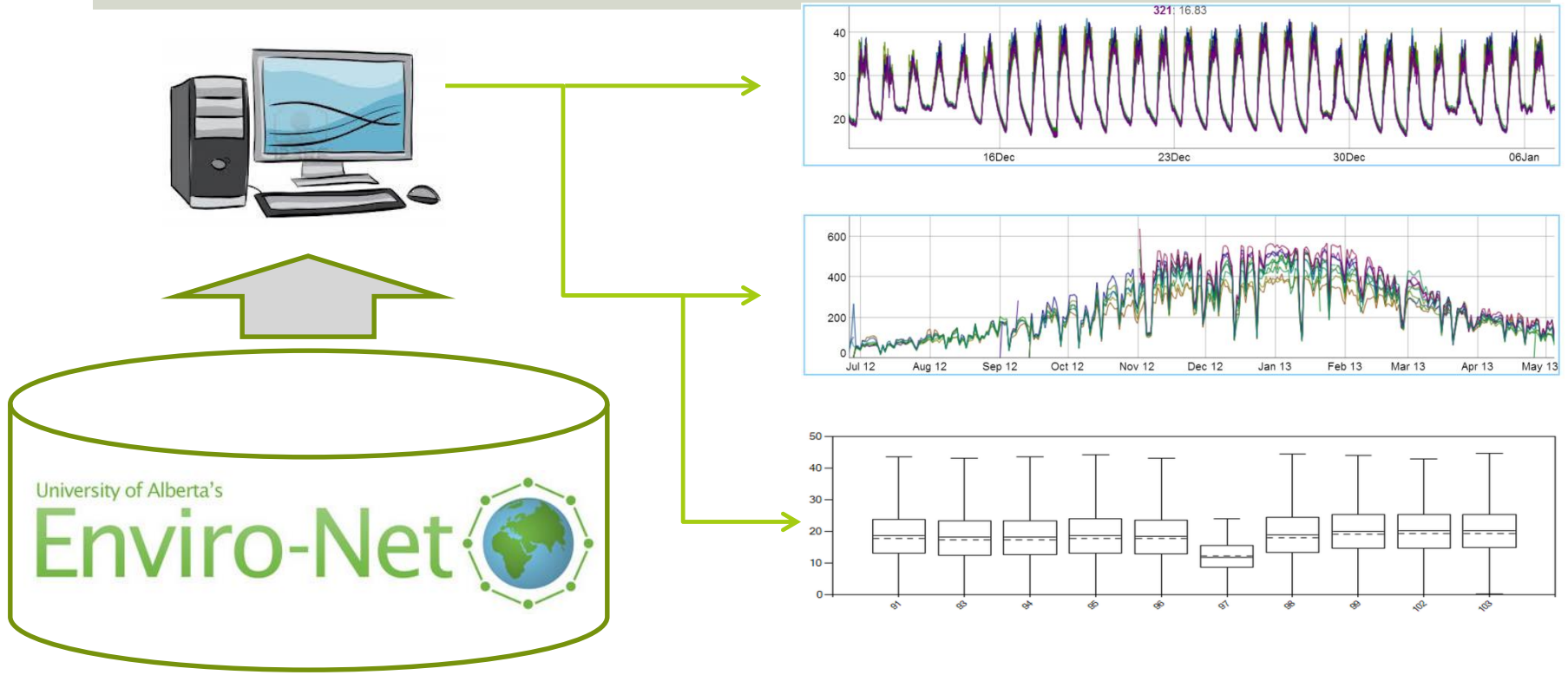
## Tropical dry forests are vulnerable under global change

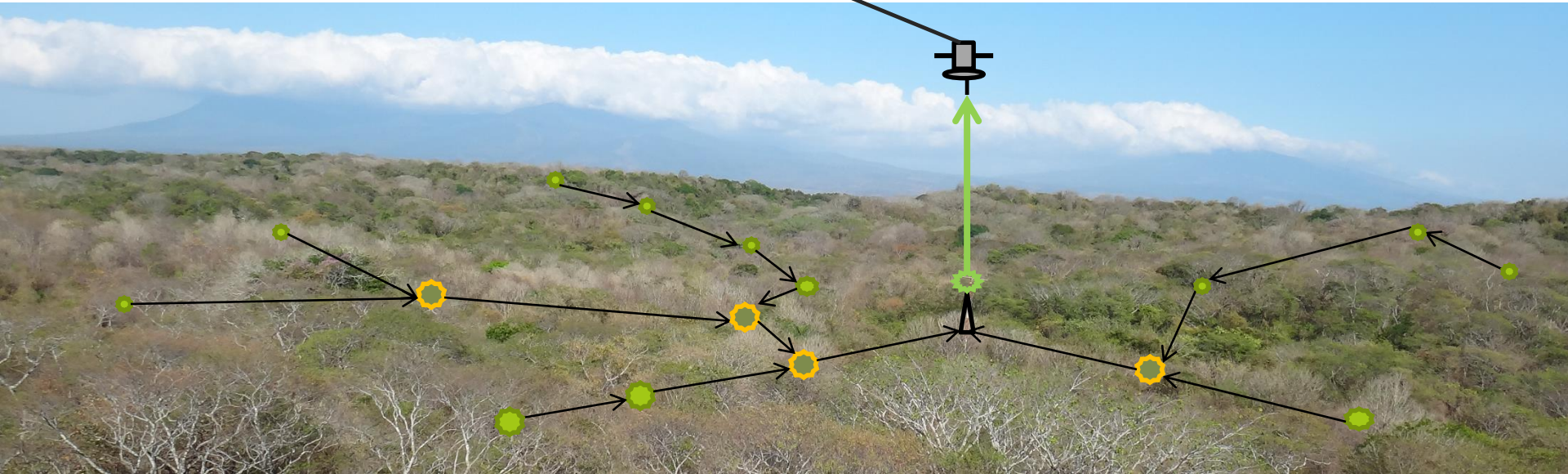
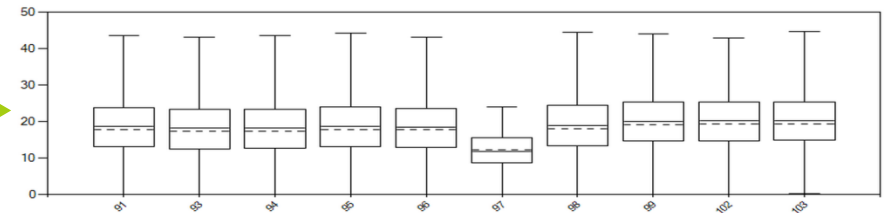
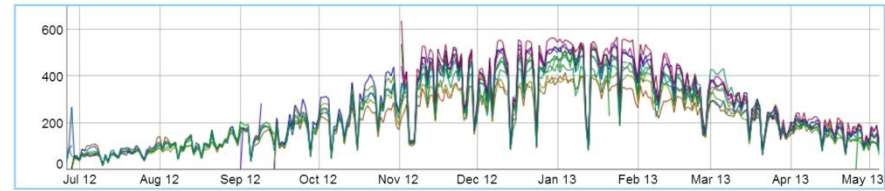
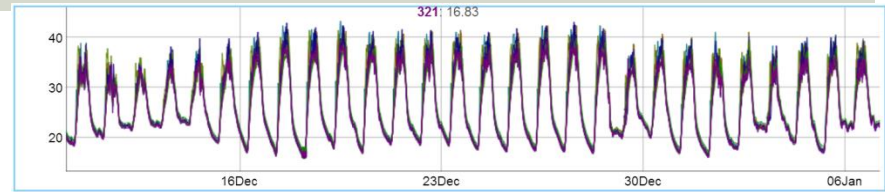


An aerial photograph of a dense, green forest. A tall, green metal tower stands in the lower-left quadrant of the image. The tower has a lattice structure and is topped with various instruments. A solar panel is mounted on the tower about halfway up. The forest is thick and covers the entire background.

## **Santa Rosa National Park, Dry Forest Environmental Monitoring Super Site, Guanacaste, Costa Rica:**

- **3 million data points/year**
- **CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O fluxes (vegetation and soil)**
- **Hyperspectral canopy observations**
- **Wireless Sensor Networks**
- **On-line/Real time communication via satellite technology**
- **Drone research**
- **Micro-Satellite testing site (AlbertaSat)**
- **Atmospheric Sounding calibration site**
- **NASA Calibration/Validation site**
- **Airborne and ground-based LiDAR**

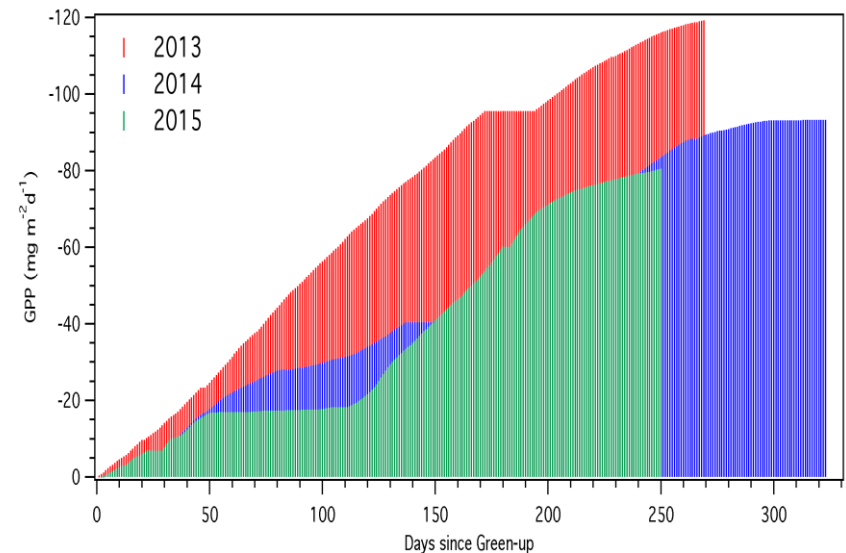
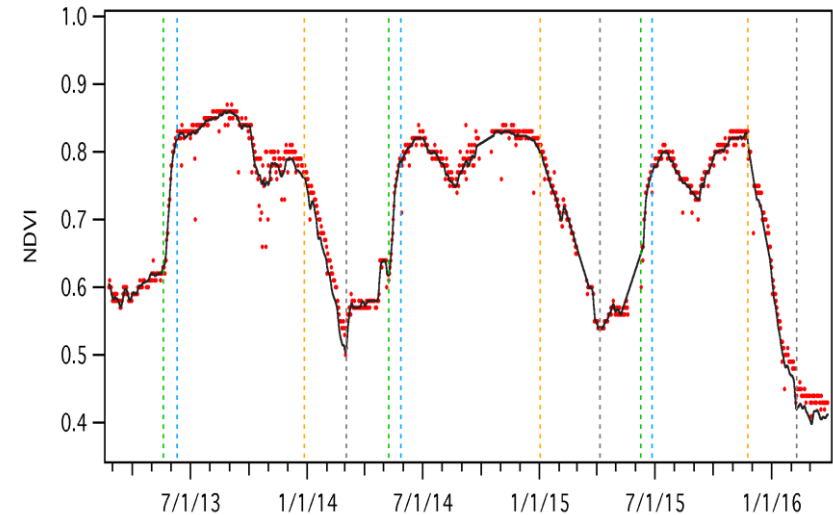


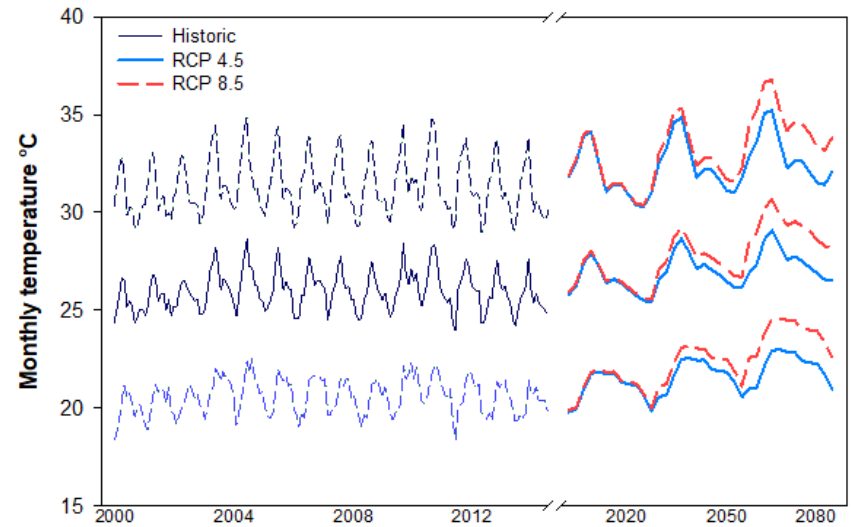
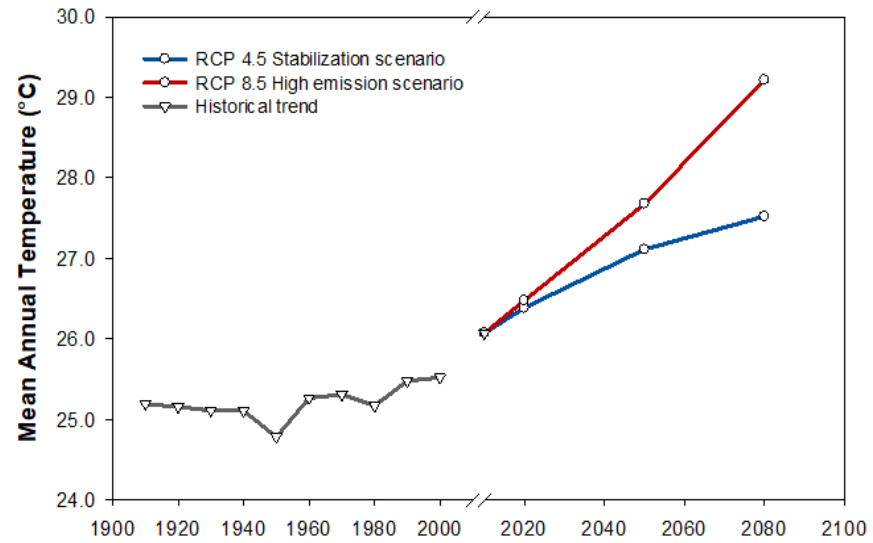


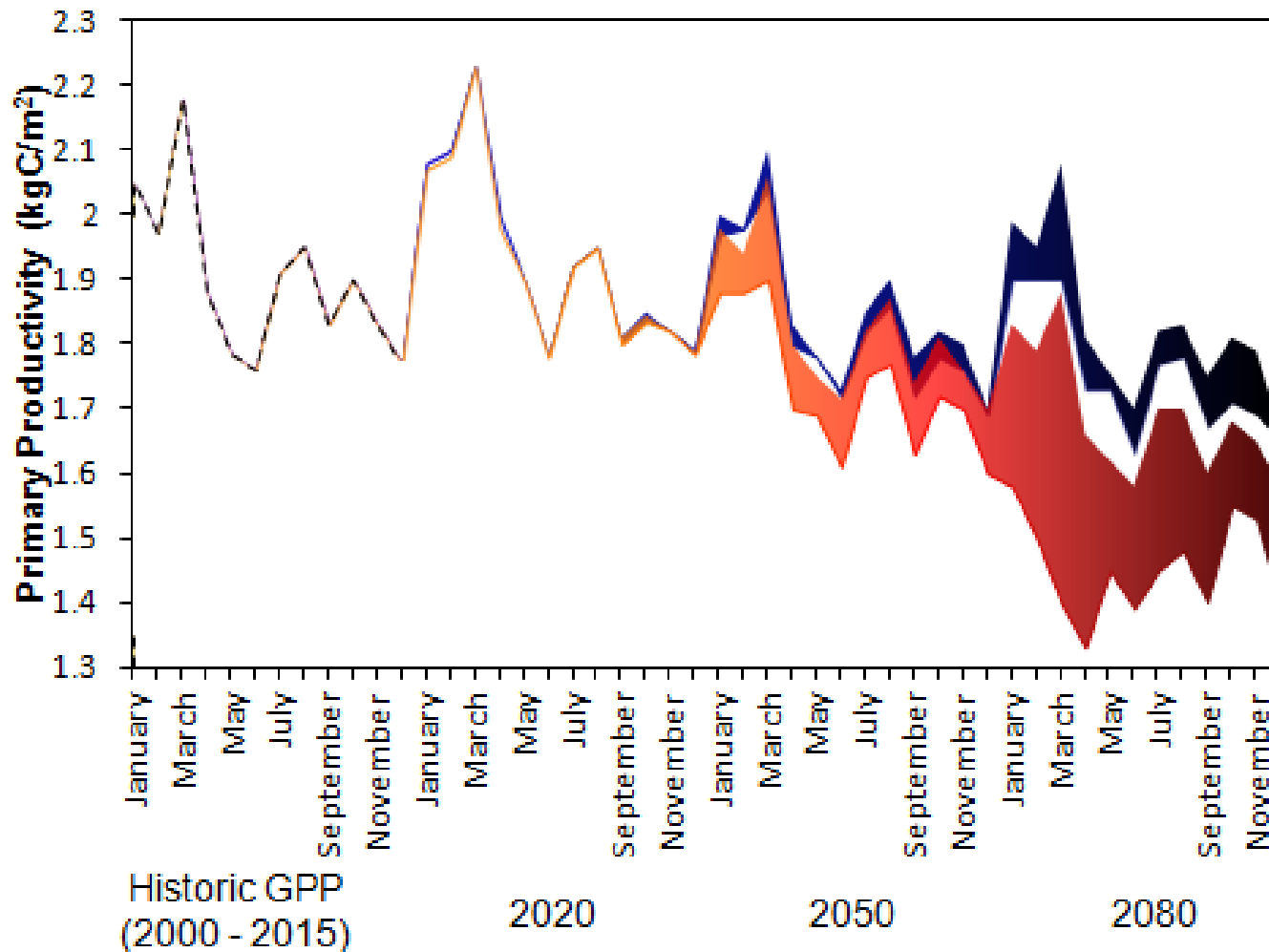


## Some fundamental scientific questions for Latin America

- ❖ How tropical ecosystems are responding in terms of carbon sequestration
  - ❖ Are they sequestering more? Releasing more? Gaining?
  - ❖ How we can predict changes in real time?
- ❖ How this relate to phenology?
  - ❖ Longer or shorter growing seasons?
- ❖ How we integrate these changes on carbon accounting mechanisms?



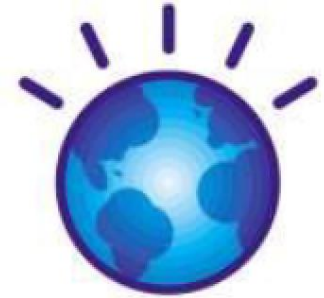
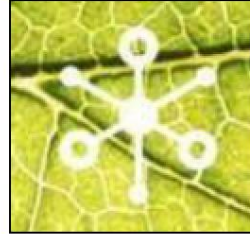
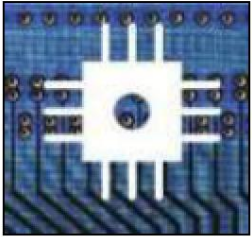




*By 2080 there is up to a 23% decrease in the GPP for the whole province in the 8.5 emission scenario. The 4.5 scenario results in a decrease around 10% by 2080. Both scenarios show an overall decrease in the productivity of Guanacaste.*

Que nos espera en el futuro?

# Enviro-Net.org: Smart tools for smart decision making



## **INSTRUMENTED**

Forests can be fully instrumented at all levels

## **INTERCONNECTED**

Monitoring systems can be interconnected in entirely new ways

## **INTELLIGENT**

Intelligent interaction is possible with external elements

## **SMARTER**

Information is shared to improve decision making on conservation and management



MUCHAS GRACIAS!

